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Dear Mr. Downie,

Enclosed is what I'm sending the editor of Outlook in response to his call that truth and fact be ignored about the JFK assassination and its official investigations. That is what "consensus" that Oswald was the lone-nut assassin requires.

The Post, in common with just about all our media, has had a policy with regard to the assassination I do not expect it to change. But I think you should be aware of what history will record about the Post and the assassination and its investigations.

The media screamed bloody murder when the telecasting of the Simpson trial was discontinued but it had not the slightest compleint when the official assassination investigation was completely secret even though if Oswald had not been killed the trial and all the claimed evidence would have been public.

If the media had not accepted being kept out of all the procedings the Warren Report would have been impossoble.

As would what happened to the determined objections of Russell and Cooper and, according to both of them, of Hale Boggs, too. Can you imagine that kind of dirty trickey by the general counsel (at the least) of a Presidential Commission on its members? And media silence about that, too?

You may not have thought of it this way, and certainly the Post has not, but the assassination of any President is a de facto coup d'etat. And out media accepts that? For more than 30 years now?

And the Post can bring itself to mark the 33rd anniversary of it with this kind of childish "think-piece" which is not that at all. There is no real thought in it.

Sorry my typing can't be any better. The enclosures are with the copy to Outlook only. There is enormously more like it.

I think it is interesting that Morely is critical of the media, including the Post, for not reviewing the cheap, ignorant, unfactual sensation-seeking of the La Fontaines but had not a word to say about the totality of refusing to mention my last two books of which he knows, Gaste Open and NEVER AGAIN! But then the Post has managed not to teview any of my 10 books beginning with the first on the assassination and its investigation.

Not one of those many of whom I have been critical has written to complain of unfairness to him or about any claim of inaccuracy. I am alone among those who have written on the subject who used the official evidence only. Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg